

February 23, 2006

Dear High School Principal/Counselor:

I know that you are already aware of the scholarship opportunity offered by our state universities to the graduates in the Class of 2006 who meet the criteria for the Arizona Board Of Regents (ABOR) High Honors Tuition Scholarship. The administration of this new scholarship was placed within the Innovative and Exemplary Programs unit at the Arizona Department of Education.

We have already begun the process of providing technical assistance workshops across the state to assure that the scholarship criteria are applied consistently from school to school in identifying the graduates who are eligible for this award. The materials enclosed with my letter make up your "kit" for identifying students and reporting the essential information.

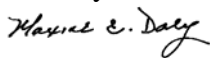
I am increasingly concerned that communications regarding this process reach all high schools and that materials make their way to those who ultimately are charged with submitting the information to ADE. It is critical that we have the correct contact information for your school. Your cooperation in providing contact names, phone numbers and email addresses will assure that your students are included on our list of scholarship awardees.

Please continue to check the High Honors Tuition Waiver website we have at the Department of Education (www.ade.az.gov/asd/tuitionwaiver) for updates on information regarding the High Honors Tuition Waiver. We recently updated our "Frequently Asked Questions" to reflect a clarification we received from ABOR regarding criteria one and social science. Although American History is a core requirement for Arizona University Admissions and high school graduation, **ANY** two social science credits with a B or better can be used to qualify students for the High Honors Tuition Waiver.

Please follow the instructions provided on the CD in this packet. It is strongly advised that you send **at least** one school representative to the training site nearest you. Be sure to frequently check the ADE online calendar to identify a convenient site.

If you have not already submitted contact names and information, please contact Shannon Tucker stucker@ade.az.gov, or call 602-542-4391. You are also welcome to contact me at 602-542-5510. Thank you for paying careful attention to the timelines and formatting instructions enclosed.

Sincerely,



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